

his father was reported in Exmouth in 1360.

"At the death of John Drake, his widow married Richard Frankscheney, thus unlawfully excluding from the estate of Ashe her son John Drake. She had Christopher Frankscheney, who had Richard, who was the father of Simeon from whom John Drake, by a suit at law recovered Ashe, which had been so long and unjustly withheld from his father and great grandfather.

"John Drake 2 numbered in the one hundred of East Budleigh, Devon. On the second marriage of his mother, he settled at Otterton, about sixteen miles from Ashe. He married Christiana, daughter and heiress of John Antage, and his son, John Drake 3.

"John Drake 3 of Otterton, whp married a daughter of John Crews, or Cruwys, representative of Crews Morehard, an ancient Saxon family of importance, their name occurring frequently in the old Devonshire rhyming legends concerning Saxon families who were prominent before the coming of William the Conqueror. This John was succeeded by his son John Drake 4.

"John Drake 4 of Otterton in the County of Devon, Esquire who by his wife Agnes, daughter of John Kailway, had John Drake 5, his heir.

"John Drake 5, Esquire of Ashe, Exmouth in the County of Devon, having recovered Ashe, married Margaret daughter and heiress of John Cole of Rill, in the parish of Whytecombe Ralegh, Devon near Exmouth, which he gave together with the Manor of Whytecombe aforesaid, unto a younger son, John, whose daughter and heiress brought it to her husband Thomas Raymond of Chard. Their daughter Alice was second wife of Walter Ralegh, father of Sir Walter Ralegh.

"John Drake 6 of Mount Drake, Ashe, and Exmouth, son and heir, High Sheriff of Devon, in the time of Queen Elizabeth. He married in the twenty-sixth year of Henry VIII(1535), Amye, daughter of Roger Greenville of Stow, Cornwall, the ancestor of the Right Honorable Earl of Bath. He died October 4, 1558. He and his wife were buried in the Parish Church at Musbury, where still may be seen their tomb, bearing their effigies and an inscription. She died Feb. 18, 1577.

"Robert Drake 7, Robert of Wiscomb, in the Parish of Southleigh, about three miles from Calliton(Colyton) in the southeastern part of the County of Devon. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Humphrey Priedeaux of Thuborough, County of Devon.

"William Drake 8 of Wiscomb, buried at Southleigh. Will dated Dec. 4 1619, probated May 9, 1625. He married Phillippa, sister of Sir Thomas Denys. Will dated July 16, 1647, probated Oct. 5, 1655. They had five children among them John Drake 9 who emigrated to New England in 1630. He was one of the original proprietors of the town of Taunton, Mass. and settled later in Windsor, Conn. where he died."(The Drake Family in England and America. intro. p 10)